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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

The market tone on frozen hens and consumer sized toms was steady to fully steady. Demand light with most processors waiting to hear back on previously made offers. Frozen trading slow with most of the activity centered on fresh for the upcoming Easter and Passover Holidays. Offerings light to adequate for current shipments. The undertone on bulk parts was mostly steady to barely steady, rib breasts and white meat steady to fully steady. Trading activity centered on fresh tom breast meat and fresh thigh meat, balance slow. Offerings mixed and held with varied degrees of confidence.



EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was moderate on thigh meat, balance slow. Demand was light to moderate with inquiry noted from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Russia. The unsettledness in the tom drum and thigh meat market was starting to decrease in response to various processors' abilities meet the new Mexico AI testing requirements.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **MARCH 30, 2006**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69.5	69.5	69.50	40	75.00	120	SEP	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	68-69.5	69.5	69.50	40	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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CENTRAL REGION 4/	67-69	67-67.5	67.33	120	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	68-70	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	68-69	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	68	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF MARCH 31, 2006	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO	MONTH OF MARCH	CURRENT MONTH	LAST MONTH	SAME MONTH YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS				8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	68.50 **	67.90 **	64.25	EASTERN REGION	67.67	65.84	64.69
CENTRAL REGION	68.18	67.91	63.70 **	CENTRAL REGION	66.94	65.79	64.04
WESTERN REGION	67.70 **	67.30 **	66.00	WESTERN REGION	66.93	66.26	65.04
16-24 LB TOMS				16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	68.10 **	67.40 **	62.25	EASTERN REGION	67.43	65.87	63.14
CENTRAL REGION	68.39	67.83	62.30 **	CENTRAL REGION	66.93	65.74	62.46
WESTERN REGION	67.70 **	67.30 **	65.00	WESTERN REGION	66.93	66.26	63.04

**BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	88-96
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	88-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-72
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	67-80

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	98-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	94-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	93-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	92-129
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	106-119

NATIONAL FRESH TURKEYS -

U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS
(prices reflect turkeys with timers) Week of Apr 03, 2006

Price (cents/lb.) Volume (lbs.)

PRICED AT TIME OF SALE

8-16 lbs.	81.68	2,715,000
16-24 lbs.	81.60	562,000

PRICE TO BE DETERMINED

8-16 lbs.	--	40,000
16-24 lbs.	--	20,000

Total Volume: 3,337,000

TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED IN FEDERALLY INSPECTED PLANTS

W/E 25-Mar-2006 (Preliminary)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS		
		PCT	AVG			AVG
		CHG	LIVE			LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-		WT
North East	774	5	23.45	(A)	777	23.45
South Atlantic	690	-6	31.64	(A)	693	31.64
North Central	1,975	-6	33.86	(A)	1,978	33.86
South Central	708	4	19.44	(A)	710	19.44
West	332	41	26.18	(A)	334	26.18
U.S. total	4,479(B)	0	28.88	13	4,492	28.88
To-date						
2006	50,417(B)			72	50,488	
To-date						
2005	48,648(B)			42	48,690	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 38,000; for the current year to date 279,000; for last year to date 309,000.

TURKEY MOVEMENT TRENDS

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS)

Slaughter-certified ready-to-cook turkeys

February	399,979*
March 1 - 25, 2006	376,085*

To date 2006	1,161,521*
To date 2005	1,156,334*

* Preliminary

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

	YOUNG		YOUNG	OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS		TURKEYS
	Thousands				
W/E 25-Mar-2006					
Head	1,924	2,517	38	13	4,492
Avg Wt	17.02	37.96	26.86	31.77	28.88
Last week	1,821	2,645	22	17	4,505
Same wk yr ago	1,468	2,502	15	6	3,991
Avg Wt	16.03	38.03	26.38	28.44	29.88
To-date/2006	20,488	29,649	279	72	50,488
To-date/2005	18,300	30,039	309	42	48,690

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NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, INCLUDING BULK MEAT and FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 30 MARCH 2006.

The market tone on tom drums and thigh meat continued mixed ranging from barely steady to fully steady with uncertainty noted in the domestic market place due to new testing requirements for Mexico. Some spot strength was noted on tom drums for export to Mexico for April shipments. The market tone on fresh tom breast meat ranged from barely steady to fully steady. Demand light to instances good, mostly moderate for the light to instances fully adequate supplies. The market tone on breast trim was steady, balance of white meat steady tom fully steady. Demand light to good, mostly moderate. Offerings of breast trim adequate to fully adequate, balance light. Trading was active on frozen thigh meat for export for Eastern Europe and Asia, moderate on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments, balance slow. Yearling hen wings traded at 23 cents delivered domestic and fresh thigh meat 70 cents delivered export.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	115.60	100
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/	154.00-158.00		156.67	60
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	46.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	46.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	20
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	26.00		26.00	80
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	24.00	20
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	38.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	35.00	14
NECKS, HEN				
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	162.32	110
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	167.00-169.00		167.57	280
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT--FRESH		F	78.00	60
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	116.00	40
TENDERLOINS				
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	167.10	50
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH		F	167.86	70
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	70.00	7
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/		W	24.27	98
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	46.00-50.50		48.25	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	23.50-25.00		24.00	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS		F	34.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	80
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	65.00-74.00		68.90	612

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

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The market tone on tom drums ranged from barely steady to steady to fully steady with less unsettledness starting to be noted. The degree of uncertainty on tom drums was somewhat dependant on the processor's ability to meet the new testing requirements for Mexico. The market tone on tails was steady to fully steady, balance of tom bulk parts steady to barely steady. Demand light to moderate with supplies held with varied degrees of confidence. The market tone on 4-8 lb. and institutional sized rib breasts was steady to fully steady. Demand light on 4-8 lb. sizes, light to moderate on institutional sized rib breasts. Offerings light to adequate. Trading was moderate on fresh tom breast meat for domestic shipments and on frozen thigh meat for export, balance slow. For domestic: Grade A non-basted rib breasts - 10-12 lb. 160, 14-16 lb. 165, 16-18 lb. 175; fresh - wing meat with skin 74-79, scapula 115-121 mostly 116-118, fresh breast trim 116 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	LST CDE	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
					PRICE	
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/	116.00	1/	116.00	40	115.71	140
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A--FRESH 2/		R	156.67	60	153.97	78
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		W	99.00	40	99.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		W	46.00	14	46.00	14
DRUMSTICKS, TOM--FRESH		W	46.00	200	46.00	200
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		W	42.00	20	42.67	60
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	24.00		24.00	6	24.17	494
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	24.00		24.00	41	24.00	81
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		W	38.33	120	38.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		W	112.00	20	112.00	20
NECKS, TOM		W	35.00	14	32.98	119
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	165.00		165.00	54	165.00	54
BREASTS, B/S, TOM--FRESH 3/	161.00-170.00		167.56	410	167.07	970
THIGH MEAT	69.00		69.00	40	69.00	40
THIGH MEAT--FRESH	73.00-74.00		73.22	188	73.22	188
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	116.00	40	116.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT	117.00		117.00	40	116.50	80
TENDERLOINS						
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	167.10	50		
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		F	70.00	7		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS--FRESH	168.00		168.00	52	168.00	52
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	21.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED--FRESH 4/	20.00-26.00		22.61	82	23.51	180
EXPORT TRADING						
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	47.00		47.00	80	46.74	384
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	25.50		25.50	40	24.70	200
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM						
TAILS		F	34.00	40		
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	19.00	80		
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.50-74.00		68.45	381	71.00	1,949

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